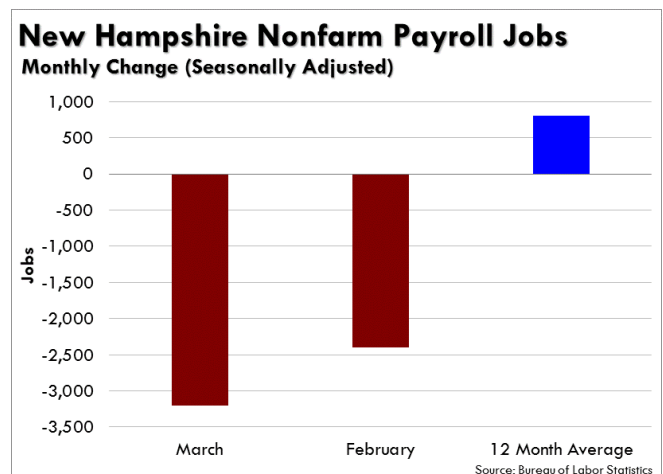
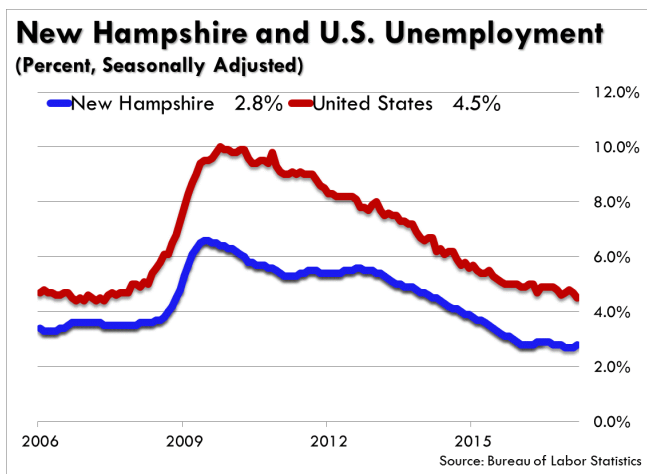


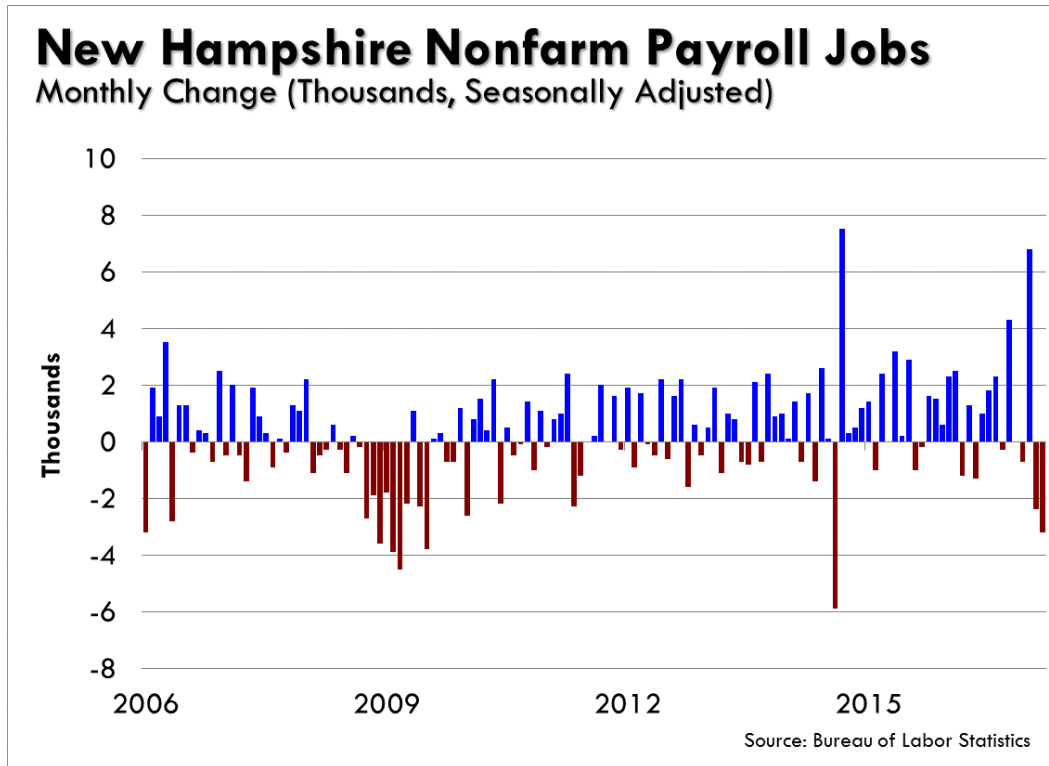


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### Summary

- **New Hampshire lost 3,200 jobs and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 2.8 percent in March** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, New Hampshire added 9,600 jobs** and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.8 percent.
- **In March, New Hampshire's private sector lost 2,900 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 9,500 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed New Hampshirites rose by 371 in March**, and over the past year 6,064 New Hampshirites found jobs.
- New Hampshire's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 68.8 percent in March. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.2 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **declined by 0.2 percentage point to 4.5 percent in March**. State employment and unemployment data for April is scheduled for release on May 19, 2017. The national employment situation report for April will be released on Friday, May 5, 2017.





## **New Hampshire Payroll Employment**

New Hampshire lost 3,200 jobs, or 0.47 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, New Hampshire lost 2,400 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in New Hampshire increased by 9,600, or 1.44 percent. New Hampshire nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 6 of the past 12 months.

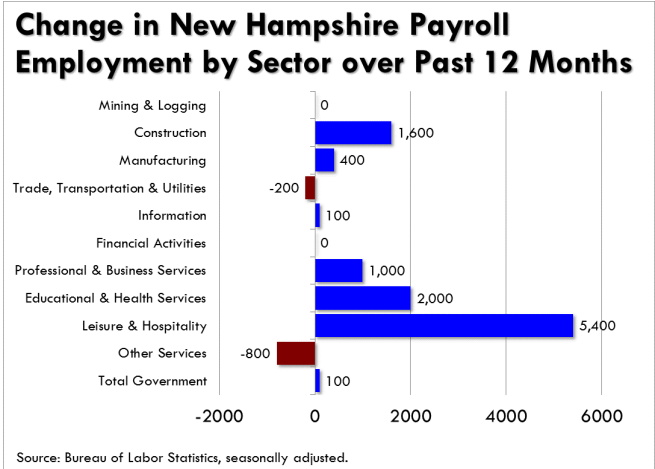
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 98,000 jobs in March, or 0.07 percent. Over the 12-month period ending March 2017, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,185,000 jobs, or 1.52 percent. New Hampshire ranks 40th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During March, New Hampshire's private-sector lost 2,900 jobs, or 0.49 percent. The private-sector in New Hampshire lost 2,300 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in New Hampshire increased by 9,500, or 1.65 percent. New Hampshire private-sector payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 89,000 jobs in March, or 0.07 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,033,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.67 percent. New Hampshire ranks 34th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were Information (+300) and Other Services (+300). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-1,300) and Educational & Health Services (-1,000).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Leisure & Hospitality (+5,400) and Educational & Health Services (+2,000). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Other Services (-800) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-200).



## New Hampshire Labor Force Statistics

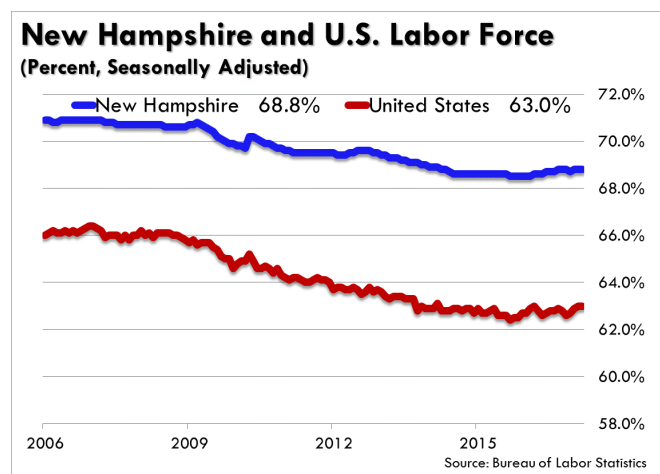
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in New Hampshire was unchanged at 68.8 percent in March. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 7 have a higher labor force participation rate than New Hampshire. The labor force participation rate in New Hampshire is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in New Hampshire was 70.8 percent in March 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in New Hampshire occurred in February 1990 when the labor force participation rate hit 73.7 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 68.5 percent in February 2016. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in February 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 65.5 percent. The national labor force participation rate was unchanged at 63.0 percent, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the New Hampshire civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, declined to 66.8 percent in March from 66.9 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of



Columbia, 5 have higher employment-to-population ratios than New Hampshire. The employment-to-population ratio in New Hampshire is 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in New Hampshire was 68.3 percent in August 2007. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in New Hampshire occurred in January 1989 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 71.3 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 65.4 percent in February 2010. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 61.0 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 60.1 percent in March. That rate was 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

